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Case No. **P1593 US**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

RONAN M. THORNTON, ET AL.

Serial No.

Examiner:

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Group Art Unit:

Title: LAMINATED DRUG-POLYMER  
COATED STENT HAVING DIPPED  
LAYERS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

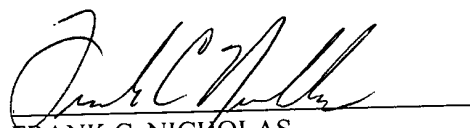
Applicants believe that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest

Applicant's claimed invention.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION		U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	FILING DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
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	A2	6,251,136	06/26/2001	GURUWAIYA		
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	A8	6,358,556	03/19/2002	DING ET AL.		
	A9	2002/0082679	06/27/2002	SIRHAN ET AL.		

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